

CHAPTER 12 ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF CALIFORNIA NON-RESIDENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

California Vehicle Code Section 260 (a) defines a commercial vehicle as follows: "A 'commercial vehicle' is a motor vehicle of a type required to be registered under this code used or maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property."

All non-resident motorized commercial vehicles 26,001 lbs. or more gross vehicle weight (GVW) that meet this definition must either be qualified for California operation through a foreign IRP jurisdiction registration or have an alternative form of California non-resident registration ***prior to operation in this state***. This includes all charter buses.

Failure to obtain valid California registration prior to operation in this state will subject the vehicle(s) to the assessment of full twelve-month California registration fees and penalties.

Temporary non-resident commercial vehicle permits are available as an alternative to IRP registration. The types of permits available and the requirements for Alaska based commercial motor vehicles are discussed in this chapter.

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12.005 FOUR DAY NON-RESIDENT TEMPORARY PERMITS (CVC 4004)

A Four Day Nonresident Commercial Vehicle Trip Permit may be obtained for temporary operation of any commercial motorized vehicle that is properly licensed only for intrastate registration in any IRP jurisdiction or registered IRP in a foreign IRP jurisdiction but not qualified for California operation.

This permit is a two-part form, which is sold blank and may be purchased in bulk. The original copy is the permit and, after proper completion of the required information, must be carried in a receptacle outside the vehicle. The duplicate is the customer copy and must be retained by the purchaser for a period of four years.

For a fee of \$45, the permits are valid for four consecutive days; the day of first use plus three consecutive days thereafter. Additional permits may be used for continuous operation longer than four days. When the permit has been properly completed **prior to entry** into California, it is valid for either interstate or intrastate movement.

To purchase the permits in bulk, send a written request and a check or money order for the total amount due for the number of permits desired to:

**Department of Motor Vehicles
International Registration Plan (IRP)
PO BX 932320, MS H160
Sacramento, CA 94232-3200**

The permits may also be purchased at any DMV field office.

The permits may also be purchased from Transceiver at (800) 749-6058. Transceiver will charge an additional fee for transmission and handling.

IMPORTANT: These permits are not valid for any vehicle that is based in California or is leased to or being operated by a person or entity having an established place of business within this state as defined in CVC 516.

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12.010 NINETY (90) DAY NON-RESIDENT COMMERCIAL PERMIT (CVC 4004)

A Ninety (90) Day Non-Resident Commercial Permit may be obtained for temporary operation of any commercial motorized vehicle that is properly licensed only for intrastate registration in any IRP jurisdiction or registered IRP in a foreign IRP jurisdiction but not qualified for California operation. These ninety-day permits may only be obtained at an office of the California Department of Motor Vehicles. A vehicle may enter California on a Four Day Permit and then be registered under the ninety-day permit. A copy of the current valid nonresident registration certificate must be presented with the permit application. If the vehicle is powered by a fuel other than gasoline, a use fuel tax permit number must be reported if one has been issued. Fees for the ninety-day permit are assessed at the rate of one quarter of the full twelve month California fees.

IMPORTANT: These permits are not valid for any vehicle that is based in California or is leased to or being operated by a person or entity having an established place of business within this state as defined in CVC 516.

12.015 USE FUEL TAX TRIP PERMIT (CVC 4007)

Use Fuel Tax Trip Permits for vehicles powered by a fuel other than gasoline are available at a cost of \$30. The permit may be used in lieu of an International Fuel Tax Account (IFTA) and is valid for four days; the day of first use, and three consecutive days thereafter. The permit is sold blank and may be purchased in bulk.

To purchase the permits in bulk, send a written request and a check or money order for the total amount due for the number of permits desired to:

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12.020 ALASKA BASED VEHICLES

As provided in IRP Article I, Section 110, California will allow Alaska based carriers who report their highest foreign jurisdictional mileage in California to register their fleet as California based IRP.

Alaska based carriers that wish to participate in the IRP with California as their IRP base jurisdiction should follow the instructions in this handbook for filing of their IRP application in California.

Alaska based carriers who have their highest percentage of IRP mileage in another IRP jurisdiction, and file for IRP registration under the provision of the IRP Article I, Section 110 in a foreign IRP jurisdiction may qualify their fleet vehicles for California operation through their foreign based IRP registration. Alaska based carriers who file for IRP registration through a foreign jurisdiction but do not qualify their fleet for California operation may, as an alternative, obtain California Four-Day Commercial Non-Resident Trip Permits or 90 Day Non-Resident Commercial Registration as described in this chapter.

Alaska based carriers who do not register their fleet in any IRP member jurisdiction must register their vehicles operating in California under California "Interstate Registration" which is a form of full registration for which 100% California registration fees are assessed. This form of California non-resident registration can only be obtained through a California DMV Field Office and must be obtained within 20 days of the date a vehicle is first operated in California or penalties as described in Chapter 6, Section 6.025 of this book are also assessed.